UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

CHAMBERS OF
MADELINE COX ARLEO
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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LETTER ORDER

Re: Direct Wholesale, Inc. v. STX Communications, LLC, et al. Civil Action No. 09-2139 (SDW)

Dear Counsel and Defendants:

Attorney Glen H. Ripa, Esq. has moved for leave to withdraw as counsel for defendants N. Gilani, R. Gilani and Diamond Phone Cards, Inc. I have considered the papers considered in support of the motion. No papers were filed in opposition to the motion.

This Court finds that good cause exists within the contemplation of R.P.C. 1.16(b)(6) for withdrawal of counsel from this case. Accordingly, the motion for leave to withdraw for these defendants only is granted. Mr. Ripa is further ordered to provide his clients with copies of this Order.

Defendant Diamond is a corporate entity. Under the law, it must be represented by a member of the bar. However, Erich Schneider, a New York attorney, has represented to the Court that he will

be entering an appearance on behalf of Diamond and the individual defendants. If counsel has not entered an appearance on behalf of Diamond by October 13, 2009, I will ask Judge Wigenton to strike its answer and enter default against it.

As to defendants N. Gilani and R. Gilani, if new counsel is not secured and an appearance entered by October 13, 2009, they will deemed to be proceeding on a <u>pro se</u> basis.

All parties are directed to appear before the Court for a R16 status conference on <u>October</u> <u>13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.</u>. Failure to appear will result in sanctions.

SO ORDERED.

s/Madeline Cox Arleo

MADELINE COX ARLEO United States Magistrate Judge

cc: Clerk

Hon. Susan D. Wigenton, U.S.D.J.

All Parties

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